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City Council Approves 2025 Budget

The Edgerton City Council voted to approve the 2025 Budget during their meeting on August 22. This conservative and balanced budget focuses on investment in key priorities – community facilities, buildings, infrastructure and public safety, as identified by the biennial Citizen Survey.

The mill rate for 2025 authorized by the Council is 29.550, a decrease of 0.6%. The City of Edgerton has lowered the mill rate by over 14 mills since 2009.

“We again lowered the mill levy while maintaining the high-quality services that our residents and businesses have come to expect,” says Mayor Donald Roberts. “This is a budget that supports future growth and quality-of-life for our residents and business community. We thank staff for their hard work.”

City Council voted to continue the popular Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Program and the H.O.M.E. Improvements Grant program. The budget also increases support for community events, like Frontier Days, Meat Inferno and the July 3rd Community Picnic and Fireworks Show.

Several major capital improvement projects are in the works for next year, including the grand opening of The Greenspace, a major road reconstruction project along East 2nd and Edgewood, and sanitary sewer system improvements.

Read more about the budget at edgertonks.org.



Senior Property Tax Rebate Available Through September

If you're over age 65 and own your own home within City limits, you likely qualify for a property tax rebate from the City of Edgerton. The Edgerton City Council approved the rebate program earlier this year to help alleviate the tax burden on seniors.

Residents must have paid their property taxes in full and live in their own home to qualify. Applications are available on the City's website or at City Hall during normal business hours. You must turn in your rebate application before September 30th to receive a rebate.

The City currently plans to offer this tax rebate program again next year. events at edgerton.recdesk.com.



Community

Edgerton Legend Honored

By: Charlie Trountr, Museum Curator

Ray Braun, a man who is a true Edgerton legend and icon, will be inducted as a member of the inaugural class into the Gardner Edgerton Alumni Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 9:00 am, at Gardner Edgerton High School. Ray was a 1939 graduate of Edgerton Rural High School.

Even Edgerton residents of today have heard the name Ray Braun. Ray lived in Edgerton for his entire ninety years, and owned and operated "Ray's Service Station" for over sixty years. Ray also held many public offices in Edgerton and was very instrumental in the construction of Hillsdale Lake and Dam, which serves as the City's primary water source. He also played a major role in Edgerton acquiring water and sewer services and was responsible for acquiring the old 1902 Edgerton City Jail. He bought the jail in 1993 from a man in Fort Scott, KS and then donated it to the City of Edgerton. That jail cell now sits on a small hill at Edgerton City Lake.

Mayor Roberts read a proclamation that made Thursday, August 22, "Ray Braun Day" in Edgerton. That framed proclamation will be included in the Edgerton Community Museum's special "Ray Braun Tribute", now on display for visitors to learn about this great man, and all of his many contributions to Edgerton. The museum is located at 406 E. Nelson, next door to City Hall. For more information on this exhibit or about the induction ceremony, please call 913-908-1252.

The Alumni Hall of Fame induction on September 7th is free and open to the public. There will be an informal reception for the Braun family at the Edgerton Museum/City Hall, and the museum will be open extended hours that day so people can see Ray's Tribute exhibit. The public is encouraged to visit the tribute exhibit for Ray at the museum, and please attend the HOF ceremony to see the one and only, "Mr. Edgerton", Ray Braun, be honored for his love of, and service to, the community of Edgerton, KS.



Ray Braun. Image courtesy Edgerton Community Museum

Public Works

We Need You! Major Projects Need Resident Input

The City of Edgerton is working on two important projects, and both need input from residents to help make them a success.

The first project is the **Lead Service Line Inventory**, required by the EPA's new Lead and Copper Rule. This rule ensures that municipalities like Edgerton identify and report any lead in water service lines. To meet federal deadlines, the City is asking all residents to complete this inventory as soon as possible. It's a crucial step in keeping our drinking water safe, and your participation will help the City stay on track with these important safety measures. Take the survey now at edgertonks.org/lead.

The second project is the **E. 2nd Street Road Reconstruction**. If you live along E. 2nd Street between Nelson and the Co-Op or along Edgewood between E. 2nd and W. 4th, city staff needs to discuss how the roadwork will impact your property. While the improvements will ultimately benefit everyone, things like access to your home, driveways, or landscaping could be affected during the project. The City wants to work closely with residents to make sure the process goes smoothly and any concerns are addressed.

Both projects are essential for improving Edgerton's infrastructure, but they need your involvement to move forward. For questions, please contact City Hall at 913-893-6231 or email Holly Robertson, CIP Project Manager, at hrobertson@edgertonks.org.

Utilities

Save Water, Save Money

The average family can waste 180 gallons per week, or 9,400 gallons of water annually, from household leaks. That's equivalent to the amount of water needed to wash more than 300 loads of laundry.

Did you know that the City of Edgerton offers water consumption monitoring? You can sign up to get alerts when your household uses more water than expected. Log into your utility account portal and click consumption. From there, you can set up alerts to notify you when your water usage is out of the ordinary. It's easy to do and allows you to track how much water your family uses on a daily basis.



A screenshot of a utility customer's usage in July

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 21. It is located at the corner of 4th and Hulett, across the street from the United Methodist Church. If you'd like to make a donation, you can drop non-perishable items off at City Hall during normal business hours M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monetary donations can be sent to PO Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021.

The food pantry is available to every family in the USD 231 district.

From FD#1: Escape Planning for Older Adults



Your risk of dying in a home fire is greater as you get older. Knowing what to do if there is a fire can make a big difference.

FACT: Adults 65 and over are twice as likely to die in fires.

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.

Review these tips to stay safe:

- Know two ways out of every room. Practice using both ways.
- Remove any items that may block your way out of the room or your home.
- Discuss your fire escape plan with family and neighbors. Contact your building manager or fire department to discuss your plan if you need extra help escaping.
- Keep eyeglasses, keys, hearing aids and a phone within reach next to your bed.
- Practice your home fire escape drill twice a year.



The Greenspace Update

Crews are beginning finishing work on The Greenspace, including carpet, tile, paint, lighting, etc. Fixtures, furniture and equipment will be installed over the coming months. Residents will start to notice major outdoor changes this month too as crews wrap up work on the lawn area, splash pad, sidewalks, and other pedestrian improvements. The project is on track to be complete in early 2025. As a note, City Hall will not be moving to The Greenspace.

Events Coming Up

These are **just a few** of the events in September. Check out the full schedule and register for Parks and Recreation events at edgerton.recdesk.com or by calling 913-893-6231 during normal business hours.

Public Meetings are held in-person in City Hall. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up upon arrival.

- September 2 - Labor Day
City Offices Closed
- **September 10 - Planning Commission Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **September 12- City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- September 18 - Senior Lunch & BINGO
Community Hall
- September 21 - Cops 'n Bobbers
Edgerton City Lake
- September 21 - Movie Night: Hocus Pocus
Martin Creek Park
- **September 26 - City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- September 28 - Pumpkin Yoga
Martin Creek Park